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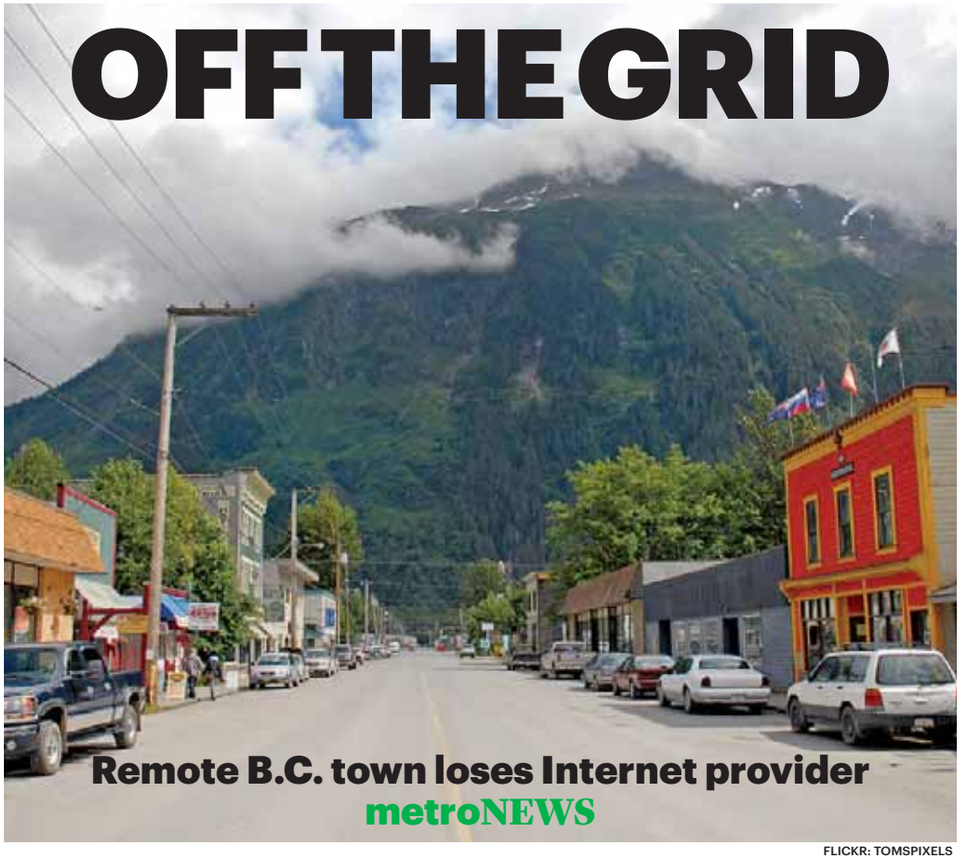

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PUBLIC ART DISPLAY

Council approves proposal to install giant chandelier

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The Burrard Bridge has got to be jealous.

The developer of one of Vancouver's swankiest new condo towers received the green light to hang a chandelier underneath the Granville Bridge.

Council voted Tuesday to allow Westbank to install a flashy, spinning 10- to 15-foot light fixture over Beach Avenue as its public art contribution for the 52-storey Vancouver House at 1480 Howe St.

Along with the chandelier designed by Rodney Graham, council also approved Westbank's proposal for lanterns in the alley behind the Telus Garden. Both art pieces required council's approval because they encroach on city air space.

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The number of months Westbank will spend designing the chandelier, which must be vetted by traffic and structural engineers.

No public art proposal has ever garnered as many "oohs and aahs" from the public art committee as the chandelier, said Coun. Heather Deal, who was thrilled to support the project.

But the luxurious new addition to the neighbourhood posed some concerns for Non-Partisan Association Coun. Elizabeth Ball. She questioned whether the chandelier would distract drivers by introducing glare from bright lights or inducing vertigo with its constant rotation. She also worried about the tone of the light, suggesting that cool blue lighting causes anxiety.

Staff reassured her that the LED lighting can be dimmed or the movement stopped if necessary, and said it will be a "subtle" light.

"It's not really something that would shine into someone's living room window," city surveyor Al Zacharias said.

With those guarantees, council gave its permission for the light fixture to shine in the neighbourhood.

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Compliance on new card system up since rollout

COMPASS CARDS

Educational effort credited with increase in tap-out rate

Tereza Verenca
For Metro | Vancouver

Despite some Compass Card holders forgetting to tap out at the end of their trip, TransLink has seen an increase in compliance since the system rolled out at the beginning of November.

"Throughout November, our customers were adapting quickly and we saw the tap-out rate rise from 70 per cent to about 75 per cent by the end of the month," spokesman Chris Bryan wrote in an email to Metro.

The first week the Compass Cards were activated, TransLink doled out more than $7,000 in refunds, covering the cost of those who forgot to tap out and were billed for additional zones.

But Bryan said for the vast majority of people, forgetting this last step is usually a one-time offence.

To avoid confusion, Bryan said the transportation authority has ramped up the educational component of the campaign, including audio announcements on SkyTrain platforms, messages on the Lamar screens and sandwich boards at the stations.

A woman tests her Compass Card in Vancouver. **Approximately 350,000 cards have been registered,** while 130,000 people use the system daily. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO FILE

Despite those efforts though, Bryan still anticipates another learning curve for new users this month, as 40,000 new riders are expected to join the system.

"We want people to know that the system is working. It's just that we're all making an adjustment to using the system and getting used to it," he added.

> **"Throughout November, our customers were adapting quickly.**
> Chris Bryan

Meanwhile, for those who find an error on their account, Bryan suggested the best course of action is to contact TransLink. Each concern is looked at on a "case-by-case basis."

"It's not a question of who's at fault. It's just a question of making it right."

So far, about one-third of the gates have been closed, with a goal of 45 per cent by the end of December. Around 350,000 people have registered a Compass Card and more than 130,000 users access the system daily, Bryan noted. That latter number should increase to 500,000 once everything is up and running in the new year.

ENVIRONMENT

TransLink says paper tickets not recyclable

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

If you bought a paper Compass ticket to take transit in Metro Vancouver today, it's likely headed for a landfill.

TransLink says its new Compass paper tickets, which became available Oct. 5, are not recyclable because they have a chip and antennae inside that allows transit users to tap in to open the fare gates.

Although the new tickets are expected to create "some degree of waste," TransLink spokesman Chris Bryan said the environmental benefits of the new system still far outweigh the previous paper and cash system.

"Moving away from a paper and cash system will help significantly reduce TransLink's environmental footprint," he said in an email.

Bryan's comments come a day after a Reddit user posted an image of a paper Compass ticket up against a window, revealing a metallic-looking ring embedded inside, which prompted other users to question if the tickets could be recycled.

Before the new system, Bryan said TransLink would deliver 130,000 paper U-Passes to 10 post-secondary schools every month.

"We hope to encourage as many people as possible to switch to a Compass Card, so that less and less paper and cash are used," Bryan said.

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MOTOR VEHICLE ACT

Woman fined more than $700 for road-rage incident

A judge has ordered a B.C. woman to pay $736 in fines after a dispute over a space in line at a Tim Hortons drive-thru ended in a violent road-rage incident, even though she may not have been in the vehicle at the time.

The unusual incident happened at about 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 7, 2013, when Christopher Smith steered his Ford F250 long box pickup truck behind two vehicles ahead of him in line at the Tim Hortons drive-thru in Mill Bay, B.C., according to court documents.

That's when a third vehicle tried to cut in front of him.

Smith said the driver first nudged his truck's front tire, and then backed off. After giving way to the truck, the vehicle then bumped into Smith's truck a second time from behind and the driver gestured angrily at him, the court documents stated.

He bought his coffee and continued driving on the Trans-Canada highway.

A few minutes later, the driver overtook Smith on the highway and repeatedly braked before stopping in front of him.

The driver — who Smith described as a "scruffy" looking white man in his early 20s with facial hair who stood about five-foot-nine and weighed about 165 pounds — then jumped out of the car holding what looked like a five-pound sledge-hammer.

He started hammering the truck, shattering the driver side window before delivering blows to the side, hood and a headlight.

Smith then stepped on the gas and used his truck to push the car off the road and get away. He later pulled off the highway and dialled 911.

A witness, who wrote down the licence-plate number, later reported a similar version of events.

Police repeatedly tried to reach Mill Bay resident Crystalina David, the registered owner of the vehicle, but were unsuccessful in making contact despite leaving voicemails on her phone and messages with her mother.

An officer was eventually able to track David down on May 22, 2014.

At trial, David testified that no one else ever drove her car and that she did not lend it to anyone and always had the keys on her.

She said she had a boyfriend at the time of the incidents, but he did not drive her car.

Under cross-examination, however, David admitted that her parents might have driven her car on occasion.

> **I simply did not find her believable.**
> Judge Brenda Edwards

In her decision, Judge Brenda Edwards said David's testimony was inconsistent, and that she came across as defensive and rehearsed. "I simply did not find her believable," Edwards wrote.

Edwards also wrote that she was satisfied David's boyfriend matched the description of the driver involved in the incident.

The judge found David, as the registered owner of the car, guilty of two counts of contravening the Motor Vehicle Act.

She was ordered to pay $368 for driving without due care and attention, and $368 for failing to remain at the scene of an accident. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

FAMILY TIME ROBSON SQUARE ICE RINK OPENS
Nelson McBryan and wife Ashlie took son Aiden for a skate at the Robson Square Ice rink after it opened for the winter on Tuesday. Nordstrom is sponsoring the ice rink this month, which will once again have a full program of activities and holiday treats.

Skating is free for those who bring their own skates and rentals are available on site for $4. For anyone looking to warm up, there's also a concession stand serving warm drinks.

Hours of operation are Sunday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. The rink will also remain open through the holidays, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
TEREZA VERENCA/FOR METRO

Flu shots down among health-care workers

IMMUNIZATION

Despite lag so far, officials expect rate to increase

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Fewer health workers within Metro Vancouver have reported getting their flu shots this fall compared to this time last year, despite a provincial deadline that required them to get vaccinated or wear a mask by Tuesday.

Just over 61 per cent of staff within Vancouver Coastal Health, and 67 per cent of staff within Fraser Health, reported receiving their flu shots as of Tuesday to comply with a B.C. government regulation requiring staff at publicly-funded hospitals and long-term care facilities to get vaccinated or wear a mask in an effort to protect patients from the flu.

Within both health authorities, three per cent of staff indicated that they plan on wearing a mask instead.

Last year, just over 67 per cent of VCH staff and 70 per cent of acute-care staff at Fraser Health reported getting their flu shots on the day of the deadline.

By the end of flu season, those numbers had increased to 75 per cent within VCH and 80 per cent within Fraser Health as of March 31, according to a B.C. Centre for Disease Control immunization coverage report.

Although the compliance rate is lagging behind last year's numbers, health officials said they expect to see the rate increase in the coming days.

"If we look at the vaccination clinics that we held for staff, they were comparatively as busy as they were last year," Tasleem Juma, spokeswoman for Fraser Health, told Metro. "I think we're on track to meet (last year's rate), but the number is still changing."

Juma said Fraser Health also encourages anyone visiting loved ones in hospitals and long-term care facilities to get vaccinated or wear a mask to protect patients.

"Patients who are in the hospital are among the most vulnerable of our communities," she said. "They can't necessarily protect themselves. By the rest of us being protected, we, by extension, protect them."

Anna Marie D'Angelo, spokeswoman for Vancouver Coastal Health, agreed that the compliance figure is lower than the number of doses given at flu shot clinics for health workers in recent weeks, indicating that some workers have not yet reported their immunization status.

It also takes a day for the data to be processed after a staffer reports getting their shot, said D'Angelo.

Once the deadline has passed, she said it's up to managers to ensure employees have reported if they have been vaccinated or are wearing a mask.

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TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

Council demands lengthy research

Vancouver councillors will ask staff to sift through the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership and take a yay or nay position on the free-trade agreement before Canada decides whether to sign it early next year.

The TPP, a 6,000-page free trade agreement released to the public last month but negotiated during Canada's federal election campaign, aims to create the world's largest trade zone between 12 countries on the Pacific. Proponents say it will make goods cheaper for consumers while opponents argue it will kill local jobs.

Green Party Coun. Adriane Carr wanted council to oppose the TPP outright due to fears it could hurt Buy Local campaigns.

But Vision Vancouver struck her motion, arguing councillors don't yet know enough about the TPP to take a stance. "I haven't even read the cover page," Coun. Andrea Reimer said.

They instead called on staff to study the document and recommend a view. It's the same approach they took to Kinder Morgan's pipeline proposal, where they hired lawyers to go through all the documents and come up with an argument against the expansion.

Acting city manager Sadhu Johnston said it will be challenging to do a thorough job as the city is preparing for its National Energy Board presentation as an intervener in the Kinder Morgan expansion application. "Ideally we would have a little bit more time to do it right," Johnston said. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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David Tenniswood's commercial **Follow the Trail** is in the running for Doritos' Crash the Super Bowl contest. SCREENSHOT

Filmmaker bowled over

DORITOS CONTEST

Commercial has chance to crash the NFL's grandest night

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

A Vancouver filmmaker has a chance to win $1 million in a high-stakes contest to create the best Doritos commercial to air during the Super Bowl.

David Tenniswood, 28, is the only Canadian to make the semifinals in the 10th annual Doritos Crash the Super Bowl contest, which comes with the massive cash prize and a chance to work with Warner Bros. and DC Entertainment.

"That's $1 million US, which is like $5 billion Canadian with the current exchange rate," Tenniswood joked after he learned his ad Follow the Trail made the Top 50 on Tuesday.

He was "pretty blown away" that his commercial was selected out of 4,500 entries from 28 countries.

"I was sort of confident because I wanted to throw every trick up my sleeve at the commercial to make my chances good," he said.

That meant calling in all the favours he's earned in his years making music videos.

"I went off the deep end," he said. He wound up with helicopter shots with the help of his collaborator B.C. Helicopters co-owner Mischa Gelb, an underwater sequence with a CGI shark and a CGI avalanche at the end of the spot.

The result is an ad featuring YouTube celebs, jungle scenes shot at Vancouver's Bloedel Conservatory and a glacier scene shot about 30 minutes north of Abbotsford by helicopter. (They brought bear mace and water purifiers just in case they got stuck overnight.)

"We're proud to be the only Canadians in the competition. We show off the Canadian landscape pretty well," he said.

His team, which will split the prize money if they win, will spend the next month spamming everybody they know on social media to watch their ad. The more hits, the more likely it is they will make the Top 3.

The three finalists will go to the Super Bowl, where the winning ad will play during half time. If Tenniswood wins, he'll use his share of the money to pay off his student loans from film school and take a vacation to Iceland, his first in five years.

> **The prize is $1 million US, which is like $5 billion Canadian with the current exchange rate.**
> Filmmaker David Tenniswood

Remote B.C. town's only Internet provider goes 404

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Stewart faces a long winter without any access to web

In an age when quality of life includes being connected to the Internet, residents of a British Columbia town say they've gone back 20 years after service was cut off indefinitely.

"It's the same as going from the car to the horse. We should be going forward, not backward," said Mayor Galina Durant, of the District of Stewart.

"To stay without Internet — it's like you cut a line of life in a certain way," she said Tuesday.

The town of 500 people in northwestern B.C. was plunged into the past a day earlier, when a non-profit society that had served the community's Internet needs shut down after two decades.

The mayor and council were notified of the impending blackout, but their efforts failed to prevent the OneWayOut.net Society to withdraw service.

Stewart is located along the B.C.-Alaska boundary, about a 1,500 kilometres drive from Vancouver.

Durant said the district worked with Telus and the B.C. government to upgrade to high-speed, but it was too expensive for the non-profit provider to contribute the matching infrastructure.

"It is not our intention to stand in the way of progress," the society said in a statement posted on its website. "We wish to thank all our customers for your patronage over the last 20-plus years."

The remote town of Stewart, located on the B.C.-Alaska border, has lost its sole Internet provider. FLICKR: DECKHAND

Residents in the community that is grappling with the loss of email, Facebook and Netflix say they're trying to improvise and live life the old-fashioned way — without the World Wide Web.

Their public library's catalogue is down, stores are having difficulty completing Internet-based transactions and a primary entertainment source has also vanished from a community with no movie theatre.

Durant is taking an online course in local government management but can't access her curriculum.

> **"The world today forces you to have it, to use the Internet. And when you don't have it, we've kind of been left out in the cold again.** Mike Ginka

Winter travellers who rely on the province's DriveBC website for road conditions can't go online either.

Mike Ginka, who runs the town's general store, said people already feel shut in during the winter, so the timing of the Internet shutdown couldn't be worse. He said it's typical for small communities to lack access to services and fears his business could now suffer even more.

"This is just the tip of it, being our Internet," Ginka said. "The world today forces you to have it, to use it. And when you don't have it, we've kind of been left out in the cold again."

500

The population of Stewart, B.C., on the Alaskan border, 1,500 kilometres north of Vancouver.

Telus spokeswoman Emily Hamer said the company does not provide direct Internet service to Stewart and is working with the district to bring in a new firm.

She said Telus is building a fibre extension that will deliver additional bandwidth, but that could take from eight to 12 weeks.

"We're going to expedite the project as much as possible, but it's a big build and the process includes the design and scheduling of construction," Hamer said.

"This is the fastest, most effective way to get high-speed Internet service to Stewart."

B.C.'s Technology Ministry said a new Internet service provider has a plan to re-connect the town by the end of the week. But the mayor said it could take much longer and she's hoping the town will be back online before Christmas.

In September, the province promised to invest $10 million to expand high-speed Internet to British Columbians in more than 70 rural and remote communities.

But the district of Stewart has not applied for a grant, the ministry said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

UNBC

Faculty opposes Moore

Faculty members are speaking out against the University of Northern British Columbia's decision to name former Conservative cabinet minister James Moore as its next chancellor.

The president of the Prince George, B.C., university's faculty association said the chancellor is supposed to be a symbol of the institution and reflect its values.

"UNBC is Canada's green university," Stephen Rader said. "There's a lot of emphasis here on environmental issues and sustainability, and things like that. There's a really strong emphasis on First Nations and relations with aboriginal people.

"James Moore is not associated with those kinds of values," he said Tuesday.

The biochemistry professor said Moore was part of a government that laid off thousands of federal scientists and blocked government researchers from speaking freely to the media.

He said the appointment sparked a "lot of concern" among his colleagues, and it potentially speaks to a disconnect between the board of governors and the rest of the UNBC community.

"Perhaps they didn't consult broadly enough or think carefully enough about what this appointment means to people on campus."

Board of governors chairman Ryan Matheson said he's open to feedback and appreciates the passionate discussion, but the university will not reconsider the decision.

Matheson said he's spoken with Moore and is confident he will reflect the values of the university, including its environmental priorities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Refugees start journey to Canada

Maher al Halabi and his son.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Maher al Halabi emerged from his interview with the UNHCR last Saturday with the coveted "number one" in his hand, on a small piece of paper in bold black ink.

That paper — a golden ticket — means he, his wife and two children, Ghassan, 7, and Mohammed, 18 months, made the cut.

They will have a second interview Dec. 8 with Canadian officials, at the newly opened refugee processing centre outside Amman in Marka, Jordan.

"I want to go to Canada so badly, for the sake of my children. I am a young man, I will do anything there," said al Halabi, 30, who hopes he passes the medical and security screening.

As word of Canada's resettlement plan seeps out among the Syrian community in Jordan, refugees pray they can beat the odds.

If all goes well, al Halabi's family will be among the first of the 10,000 refugees from Jordan to arrive in Canada late next week; the remaining 15,000 will come from Turkey and Lebanon.

In the last two weeks, the UNHCR in Jordan has interviewed thousands of Syrians to come to Canada, said spokeswoman Helene Daubelcour, with dozens of volunteers working weekends to verify identities and update files.
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Marilou Trayvilla, one of two women employed to take care of the Trudeau children, is seen at left in the pink jacket, as she joins the family upon their arrival to Justin Trudeau's swearing-in ceremony last month. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANDIAN PRESS

PM faces nannygate

POLITICS

Trudeau has promised his child benefit will be donated

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was attacked on social media as a hypocrite Tuesday after news reports that his cabinet had put on the public payroll two nannies to care for his three young children.

The orders-in-council said the women — Marian Puego and Marilou Trayvilla, whom the Ottawa Citizen reported had been working for the family prior to the election — were appointed to be special assistants to Trudeau and his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau at the prime minister's residence.

They are being paid $15 to $20 hourly for daytime work and $11 to $13 for the night shift (effective the Nov. 4 swearing-in of Trudeau's government) and will help care for Xavier, Ella-Grace and Hadrien.

Kate Purchase, the prime minister's director of communications, told Torstar News Service in an email that "given the nature of the prime minister's responsibilities and young family, the Trudeaus employ two household employees who, in addition to performing other duties around the house, act as secondary caregivers to the three children." She did not reply to requests for elaboration on their duties, or to explain why the prime minister thought taxpayers should foot the bill.

$3.4K
The UCCB amount the Trudeaus will receive this year.

Trudeau repeatedly attacked the Conservative plans for enhanced universal child care benefit and income-splitting for families. Trudeau promised to give his $3,400 a year UCCB benefits to charity. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rosemary Westwood weighs in on nannygate
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IN BRIEF

Immigration minister fears 'backlash' against refugees
Canada's immigration minister says he is wary of a possible "backlash" against Syrian refugees by Canadians if the newcomers are seen to be given privileged treatment. "There's a possibility of a backlash against refugees if Canadians see them as being pampered," John McCallum, the minister of immigration, refugees and citizenship, said Tuesday.
MICHAEL WOODS/METRO

Foreign affairs types hated the Harper Tories: Email
A U.S. official expressed amazement at how deeply detested Canada's Conservative government was by some employees of the Foreign Affairs Department.

That impression was described in a note sent three years ago to Hillary Clinton, who was then the secretary of state and whose emails are now being publicly released.
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BROKEN BONDS | PART II

A mother-baby unit at Alouette Correctional Centre for Women is seen in handout photos. When the unit was renovated last summer, each room was outfitted with a cot, a crib and a rocking chair. The rooms open into a common area with a kitchen, a high chair, soft seating and a play area with books and toys. No one has been admitted to the unit since the renovation. B.C. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

After a troubled killer gave birth and lived with her newborn in a B.C. jail, the program that made it possible died. A judge later revived it, but the nursery remains empty.

'It was easy to jettison their rights'

Sidney Cohen
For Metro

On Canada Day 2006, 33-year-old Lisa Anne Whitford shot and killed her common-law partner, Anthony Cartledge, on a rural property near Prince George, B.C.

According to court records, Whitford called police the next morning and, when RCMP arrived at the home, they found her drowsy, confused and slurring her words. Cartledge's body was wrapped in blankets and hidden under a canoe.

Whitford was a few weeks pregnant at the time, and Cartledge was the father.

In the court case that followed, details of the accused's tragic life were laid bare.

Whitford, who is indigenous, was born to an alcoholic mother. When she was still a child, her mother's boyfriend sexually abused her. She began using drugs and alcohol at age 11, was living on the streets of Calgary at 14 and was strangled and raped when she was 17 by someone she considered a friend. Whitford has visited emergency rooms at least 41 times.

In his sentencing of Whitford, Justice W. Glen Parrett called her case "one of the bleakest … I had ever encountered."

Whitford gave birth to her daughter Jordynn on March 12, 2007, while on remand at the Alouette Correctional Centre for Women. She was permitted to keep her baby in the jail, so Jordynn could breastfeed and bond with her mother.

Under the jail's "mother-baby" program, inmates who gave birth in custody were allowed to keep their newborns with them.

Ultimately Whitford, who was abused physically and emotionally by Cartledge during their relationship, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to six years in federal prison.

The judge decided that, with support from B.C.'s Ministry of Children & Family Development (MCFD), Whitford could bring her baby with her to Fraser Valley Institute for Women, in Abbotsford, B.C, making Jordynn the first child to take up residence in a federal penitentiary in the province's history.

"It is in many respects startling," said Justice Parrett, "to consider incarcerating in a federal institution the accused's new child who is still under the age of one." But, he added, "this may be the last and best chance for you. … The alternatives would appear to be even bleaker than your past."

Word that a child would spend the early years of her life behind bars with her mother, a convicted murderer, quickly spread.

The Vancouver Sun ran a splashy story with the headline, "Killer to raise baby in prison." The Globe and Mail reported that Whitford's case prompted Stockwell Day, then minister of public safety, to express concern about "the message that is sent to serious offenders when they are permitted to retain custody of a child while incarcerated."

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Jordynn was the last baby to live inside Alouette.

In February 2008, the mother-baby program ended. Brent Merchant, head of adult custody in B.C. at the time, later claimed in court that B.C. Corrections couldn't guarantee the safety of babies in jail.

> **Women who are incarcerated are disproportionately aboriginal. They're not politically influential.**
> Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, Children's Advocate

B.C. Children's Advocate Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond says shutting down the mother-baby program was a political and ideological choice.

"Women who are incarcerated … are disproportionately aboriginal, minority women who have experienced abuse," she says. "They're not considered to be a politically influential group.

"It was easy to jettison their rights."

In November 2008, Alouette inmates sued to reopen the program, arguing the closure violated their charter rights to equality and security of the person.

At the end of the five-week trial, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Carol Ross ruled in favour of the inmates. Evidence presented in court revealed that B.C. Corrections didn't assess the program's risks and benefits before shutting it down.

Ross found that no child had been harmed in the program.

The judge also ruled that the charter right of the mothers and babies to security of the person was violated because separating infants from their mothers was contrary to their best interests, as it interfered with bonding and breastfeeding.

The separation was harmful to the mothers as well, who were devastated by losing their babies. Some would lose them permanently.

"An inescapable consequence of Mr. Merchant's decision was that the state would place in care some infants who, but for the decision to cancel the program, would have stayed with their mothers," Ross wrote in her decision.

Merchant, who is now assistant deputy minister in B.C.'s Ministry of Justice, declined repeated requests for an interview.

Ross also found the closure discriminated against indigenous women, given their overrepresentation in Canadian prisons and Canada's history of removing indigenous children from their families.

Ross's decision was released in December 2013, and a $163,000 renovation to the unit where mothers had once lived with their babies quickly followed.

On June 16, 2014, B.C.'s Ministry of Justice announced the program's reopening and took media on a tour of the refurbished mother-baby unit.

But not one baby has yet been admitted to the new space, despite three inmates having given birth since the program was re-established.

A Nov. 19 email from B.C. Corrections spokeswoman Cindy Rose says that the program is "open with dedicated space at (Alouette) and is available for use as soon as it is needed."

"With respect to why no women have participated in the program to date," Rose's email continues, "one inmate did apply and was accepted, but was released after giving birth. … in two other circumstances, MCFD determined the parents could not safely care for their infants."

In all, 26 babies have been born to Alouette inmates since Jordynn Whitford left Alouette. Fourteen of those babies were placed in state care.

Former warden Brenda Tole oversaw Alouette's mother-baby program from 2004 to 2007. When she was in charge, she says, women who gave birth while incarcerated and wanted to bring their babies to Alouette were routinely admitted absent a "very, very valid reason." There was no application process; rather, Alouette staff, community agencies, MCFD and the B.C. Ministry of Health decided ad hoc what would best serve the moms and babies.

Now, Tole says, "the onus is on you to convince everybody that you can have your baby; otherwise, they're going to take it away."

In order to qualify for the program today, B.C. Corrections says, an inmate must have no history of "serious offences that could jeopardize a child's safety," or health conditions "that could put children at risk."

"There's an underlying dynamic that women who are incarcerated are not good moms," Tole says. "Because they're in trouble with the law, because they haven't handled their life very well, that they can't provide support to this baby."

"Because somebody killed an abusive partner, doesn't mean that they're not going to nurture their kids," says Tole.

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Lisa Anne Whitford and Jordynn aren't together today, but Rauch says that at Fraser Valley, they thrived.

At Alouette, mothers and their babies haven't had that chance for nearly eight years.

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HILLARY CLINTON

Emails offer peek into personal life

Roughly 7,800 pages of emails released Monday were part of a court-ordered disclosure of correspondence sent from the private server Hillary Clinton used while she was secretary of state.

Clinton has faced questions about whether her unusual email setup was sufficient to ensure the security of government information and retention of records.

The emails in the batch released Monday give a glimpse into the private side of one of the world's most public people. Clinton's notes show her searching for videos on how to do a "fishtail bun" hairstyle and struggling to locate Showtime on her television. (She wanted to watch the CIA-centred drama Homeland.) She schedules — and reschedules — flights, meals and hairstyling appointments. And as she flies around the globe — logging 1,539,641.13 kilometres over her tenure — she tries to keep track of the time zone.

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PARIS

Police make new arrest in attacks

A woman was arrested Tuesday in a Paris suburb for suspected links to an intermediary to the only man charged in connection to the Paris attacks, according to two officials close to the investigation.

The officials, who requested anonymity to talk about the ongoing investigation, said the woman, whose name wasn't revealed, is the partner of the intermediary.

The intermediary, 25, had been arrested earlier on Tuesday in his home in Malakoff, south of Paris, by counter-terrorism police. A few hours later, police went with the suspect to search another apartment in Saint-Denis and arrested his partner who was there.

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U.S.

Planned Parenthood suspect faces murder rap

The man accused in the shooting rampage at a Colorado Planned Parenthood clinic made his first court appearance Monday and learned he will face first-degree murder charges in the deaths of three people killed in the standoff with police. Robert Lewis Dear has been held at the El Paso County Jail since surrendering after Friday's siege. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. President Barack Obama makes a speech during a press conference on Tuesday in Paris. PASCAL LE SEGRETAIN/GETTY IMAGES

World leaders push pricing on carbon

CLIMATE CHANGE

Tax would cut emissions, conference delegates hear

One of the smartest ways to fight global warming is putting a price on carbon dioxide pollution, according to key world leaders at the international climate summit in Paris, including Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Either a tax on carbon dioxide emissions or putting a price on carbon and trading carbon pollution like pork bellies would help use capitalism to get closer to a day when the world isn't adding heat-trapping gases to the atmosphere, said leaders of Canada, France, Germany, Chile, Mexico and Ethiopia, as well as heads of the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development on Monday.

"The most elegant way to drive innovation and to reduce carbon emissions is to put a price on it," U.S. President Barack Obama said Tuesday. "Obviously I'm not under any illusion that this Congress will impose something like this."

The number of countries, provinces, states or cities putting a price on carbon has tripled in the past year and is now at 40, including some U.S. states, World Bank Group president Jim Young Kim said Monday.

Kim and others pointed to straight carbon taxes in British Columbia, Sweden and France as examples of what works.

Trudeau said British Columbia's "world class" carbon tax proves such a device doesn't harm the economy.

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> **We should put a big fat price on (carbon) in order to penalize it.**
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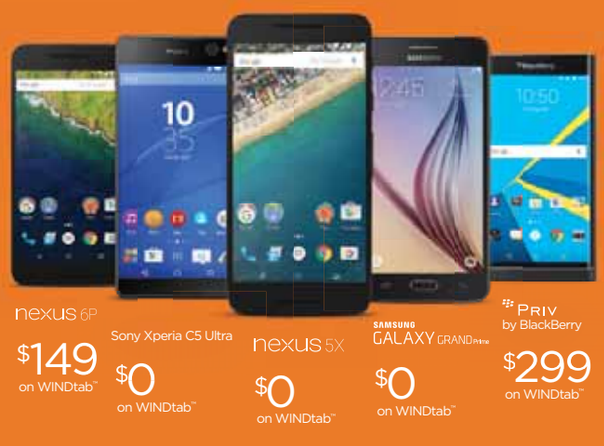

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CRIME

Student pleads guilty to turtle-smuggling

A University of Waterloo student caught with 51 turtles in his pants last August at the Windsor–Detroit border crossing has pleaded guilty to smuggling in a Michigan court.

Kai Xu, 27, would order turtles online, travel to the U.S. to pick them up and then ship them to China or return with them to Ontario. Xu "regularly deals in turtle shipments worth $30,000, $80,000 or $125,000," Assistant U.S. Attorney Sara Woodward said in a court filing.

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TECHNOLOGY

Startup aims to sniff out drunk drivers

Inside a few Canadian school buses a new sensor technology is helping keep drunk drivers off the roads. It's part of a test project underway at Sober Steering, a Waterloo, Ont.-based startup that aspires to make the breathalyzer obsolete with a different way to monitor blood-alcohol levels that's both faster and cheaper.

Sober Steering uses touch-based biosensor technology to monitor the person behind the wheel, essentially sniffing alcohol through their skin. Before they start the engine, the driver must place their palm on a sensor built into the steering wheel to activate the vehicle's ignition.

When they're on the road, Sober Steering requires the driver to "check in" with the system to ensure they haven't sneaked a few sips. If the driver consumed alcohol it would only take the sensor five minutes to detect the ethanol off the palm of their skin. If it does, the system alerts a home base, which can be police or a transit system's headquarters.

Catherine Carroll, Sober Steering's chief operating officer, believes the technology could reshape how we monitor drinking and driving. Plans are to gradually roll out Sober Steering in fleet vehicles, like construction machinery and coach buses.

> **"It's a springboard into other vehicles, but also there's something inherently emotional about a big yellow school bus.**
> Catherine Carroll

But before that happens, the school bus industry is helping launch the concept, partly because the entire industry is a lightning rod for attention when drivers are caught intoxicated. "It's a springboard into other vehicles, but also there's something inherently emotional about a big yellow school bus," Carroll said.

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Chinese artist Wang Renzheng uses an industrial shop-vac along a highway in Beijing on Tuesday. Wang spent 100 days vacuuming the Beijing air, then baked the dust and pollutants into a brick (inset). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; INSET: COURTESY WANG RENZHENG

Another brick in China's smog wall

PERFORMANCE ART

Dust Project illustrates level of pollution in Beijing

For four hours every day, for 100 days, Chinese artist Wang Renzheng used an industrial vacuum cleaner to suck in Beijing's notoriously polluted air at various landmarks.

Passersby were intrigued, inquiring if he was an air sanitation worker, or if he was taking air samples, or if he could be hired to do air sweeps of their apartments, Wang recalled.

The 34-year-old artist hopes the performance art — dubbed the Dust Project — can sharpen the public's sense of China's air quality.

Coincidentally, the project's 100-day phase of dust-collecting ended Sunday — right in the middle of this year's worst pollution spell in Beijing, when its landmark buildings disappeared into thick smog and residents were asked to stay indoors.

Monitoring sites reported that the density of the tiny, poisonous PM2.5 particles had reached more than 40 times the safe level set by the World Health Organization.

Wang said that his 400 hours of air-sucking had netted 100 grams of dust, which has been added to a mixture to make a brick at a factory in the northern city of Tangshan.

The 100 grams were more than he expected when he first embarked on the project on July 24 with the $1,100 vacuum cleaner.

The brick will be used in construction along with other bricks.

"It should just disappear like a drop of water going into the sea," Wang said.

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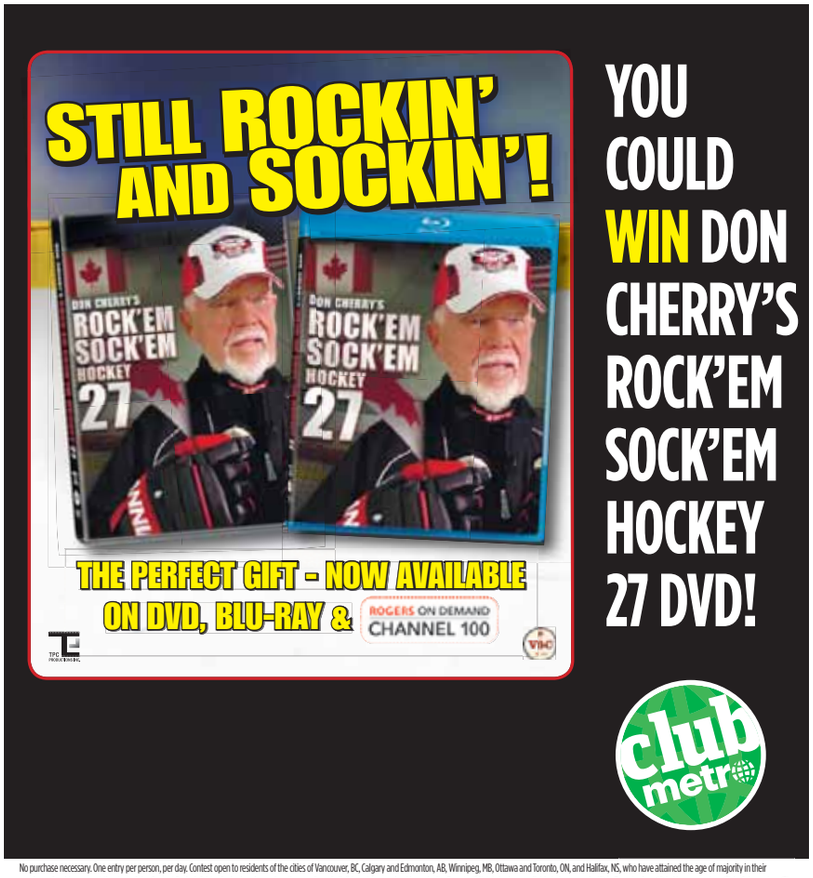
THE FALLOUT

Fifth day of bad air quality

Schools kept students indoors and parents brought their kids to hospitals with breathing ailments Tuesday as Beijing grappled with extremely severe air pollution for the fifth day. Readings of the tiny poisonous PM2.5 particles reached 600 micrograms per cubic metre, as compared with the World Health Organization safe level of 25.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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

For our son's wedding, the couple requested donations to their honeymoon fund in lieu of gifts. One of our friends told my wife how offended she was by this. We haven't spoken to them since. Should she have kept her objections to herself?

Ani Castillo

Dear Ellen:

Our oldest son got married in September. Both partners were established with their own homes, and when they moved in together had everything they needed for their household. As a result, when they sent out their wedding invitations they requested donations to their honeymoon fund in lieu of gifts. We had invited some of our best friends to the wedding. At a party before the wedding, one of our friends took my wife aside and indicated how offended she was by this request. Because of this "confrontation" we uninvited them and haven't spoken to them since. Should she have just kept her objections to herself and bought them a gift anyways? And did we overreact? They are longtime friends and I am quite amazed that a wedding invitation has come between us.

Joe, Scarborough, Ont.

Dear Joe,

I'm sorry to hear that your son's wedding caused so much strife. I could offer platitudes along the lines of "at least you didn't become estranged from any relatives," except that losing a friendship is sometimes more painful than losing touch with a loathsome aunt or uncle.

There are a few layers to your question, so let's start with the affianced couple's request for money. To some old-school types, like your friends, and me, straight-out asking for money does feel a bit crass. The point of a wedding gift is not just to help a young couple get started, but to give them a tangible reminder that you were there when they became as one. I have friends who still cherish the beautiful martini set I gave them years ago, and other friends who curse my name to this day for the crystal candle holders that become problematic if you drunkenly forget to douse the candles at the one-inch mark, at which point the flames can crack the crystal — why do they even make crystal candlesticks anyway? It's stupid. My point is, envelopes of cash, though always welcome, can be impersonal.

The point of good manners is to have them even when you think others do not.

In your son's defence, I will concede that, as you point out, most couples today are already shacked up and have all the gadgets and linens they need, which can make choosing a gift difficult. For many parent-aged guests, it's vastly easier to write a cheque than try to guess what kind of vase will go with moustache wallpaper or faux-fur upholstery (though an ironically customized, oversized mason jar would probably do the trick).

Whatever the guests' views are, however, it is absolutely wrong to confront the groom's mother to complain and risk ruining what is already a super-stressful event. The point of good manners is to have them even when you think others do not. If your friends were that irritated, they could easily have ignored the request and made the couple work for their cash by giving them a highly returnable candy dish from Birk's.

Or, if they wanted to send a more explicit disciplinary message of resentment, a simple set of hideous beach towels and matching, unpackable sombreros would have done the job nicely.

As for whether you overreacted by uninviting them, I cannot say. It depends on how aggressive the "confrontation" was, and on why you put the word "confrontation" in quotation marks. Are we talking disagreement through gritted teeth here? Or hand-to-hand combat?

If it makes you feel any better, keep in mind that your friendship may have been on its last legs anyway. Weddings are the kind of traumatic social event that acid-tests every relationship. Wish your friends well, and see how you all feel in a year or so.

And please make sure your son and his spouse send thank you cards for every penny they rake in.

Need advice?
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Never mind Nannygate. The real scandal is wealth inequality.

Nannygate? Please.

So the most powerful person in this country is the parent to three children, and married to a woman with a career of her own and now the added duties of being a prime minister's wife.

So the Liberal government hired a few nannies to help out around Rideau Cottage and lend a hand with the kids.

So what?

Yes, I know, Trudeau made a big to-do during the campaign about exactly how much his family doesn't need taxpayer dollars to cover child care.

Railing against the Conservatives' Universal Child Care Benefit that funnelled about $3,000 his way, he told media that "we don't need it. And Canada can't afford it."

And, now that he's in office, taxpayers are most assuredly paying more than three grand a year for two nannies, at $11 to $20 an hour each, depending on whether they're working a day or night shift.

But did anyone actually think that, of all the perks that go along with being prime minister, child care wouldn't be included? Do taxpayers somehow feel morally OK with paying for his in-house chef, and not his nannies?

Being prime minister isn't a blank cheque, but it is a privileged position, and I couldn't care less that we're supporting two child-care professionals along with the gardener.

Far more important — and the point of all of Trudeau's anti-child-care-benefit rhetoric — is the need to address the growing inequality between people in this country. According to the Broadbent Institute, the richest 20 per cent of Canadians own almost 70 per cent of the country's wealth. Last year, TD Bank called rising inequality a "threat to economic growth" — and it's most certainly a threat to the ability of many Canadians to afford quality child care.

And if you want to talk about nannies, let's talk about how much they're paid (hint: it's less than the chef). My sister worked for years as a nanny. Often spending more time with children than their own parents could, she moulded the kids she worked with, giving them basic tools to handle their emotions, teaching them self-respect and responsibility, never mind joy and self-expression. It was not particularly lucrative, though the families she worked with did pay her in gratitude. And it showed me that we value coding skills, say, over raising kids.

Nannygate could better earn its hand-me-down name if it alluded to some of these more pressing scandals in Canadian child care. What the Globe and Mail calls Trudeau's "apparent contradiction" is an incredibly underwhelming controversy, at best.

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HOLIDAY DRINKS

Modern takes on a traditional festive tipple

Melissa Dunne
For Metro Canada

'Tis the season to don ugly Christmas sweaters whilst sipping on eggnog à la the Griswolds in National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.

The drink with the consistency of a melted milkshake is traditionally made from scratch with eggs, milk, cream and sugar, then finished off with a sprinkling of spices. Domestic goddess/woman after my own heart Martha Stewart spikes her homemade eggnog with not one, not two, but three liquors (bourbon, dark rum and cognac).

GULP

We bought more than 7.6 million litres of eggnog in the last two months of 2013, according to the latest Statistics Canada data.

Most of us are not Martha, so we end up just buying whatever carton of eggnog happens to be on sale at the grocery store. We bought more than 7.6 million litres of eggnog in the last two months of 2013, according to the latest Statistics Canada data. It's certainly not all good — much of the mainstream stuff has an odd consistency and even odder fluorescent-tinged hue to it.

Books like Alissa Hamilton's Got Milked? and vocal vegan celebrities such as Alicia Silverstone have many of us thinking twice about putting conventional cow's milk into our bodies.

But, no need to shake your noggin in despair as in recent years Santa and his elves have whipped up a slew of organic and alterna-nogs so everyone can partake in a little Christmas in a cup this holiday season.

YOU MADE THIS?!

Silk sells a soy nog in the U.S., but sadly it's not available here. Instead, the makers of Silk alternative milks suggest blending one cup of the alterna-milk of your choice (almond, rice, soy, coconut, cashew etc.), 1/2 a frozen banana and 1/2 tsp of vanilla. Then add spices, such as turmeric, cinnamon and nutmeg to taste. Pour your nog into a Marty Moose Mug ($36, Urban Outfitters) and get ready to channel your inner Clark Griswold.

IS THAT ORGANIC?

Not only is Organic Meadows eggnog organic it's also GMO-free and kosher. The creamy concoction is made at the family farm in Guelph, Ont., with fresh Ontario eggs and milk. It comes in a carton or a returnable glass bottle at select stores for between $5.99-$7.29 in the Greater Toronto Area. If you're outside of the area and are passionate about supporting farmers in your community ask around to find a local brand that makes an organic eggnog.

PUT THE NOG IN THE COCONUT

In America there are rows upon rows of alterna-nogs at stores this time of year. On this side of the border, the options are more limited. Good news for those who are off dairy these days: So Delicious sells a seasonal coconut milk nog at select stores, including some Whole Foods Markets for about $3.99. The nog features organic coconut milk and organic cane sugar. Add a cinnamon stick, plus a splash of liquor of your choice and toast to Christmas miracles. Ask around to find a local brand that makes an organic eggnog.

FESTIVE ALMOND MILK

Vancouver's Earth's Own puts out a Noël Nog this time of year that's sold at select stores including some Whole Foods, Sobeys, Metro and Safeway for about $2.99. The festive drink is dairy- and egg-free and features filtered water, almonds and cane sugar. Make sure to have a bottle on hand at your next holiday party so your vegan friend can partake in some spiked nog, too.

ADD A JOLT OF CAFFEINE

Many indie coffee shops sell eggnog lattes with organic milk this time of year that will turn even the biggest Grinch into a bundle of caffeinated joy. Balzac's Coffee Roasters puts a very modern twist on the traditional drink this season, offering up a blend of nitro cold-brew coffee and Harmony Organic's eggnog for $4.75, only available at its Distillery District location in Toronto. Invent your own version by mixing your favourite nog and cold brew together. Cheers to Eggnog Season!

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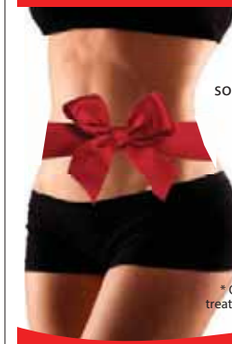

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PARTIES

Home-made dip is way more healthy and delicious

Although dipping sauces are part of many party scenarios, it's easy to treat them as an afterthought.

Most supermarkets have the usual suspects — jars of salsa or plastic tubs of onion, dill or spinach dip, hummus or tzatziki. Buy one, take the lid off and you're good to go.

But they're not cheap, they're often high in salt and/or sugar, and may contain preservatives.

It's much more interesting to concoct your own flavour combinations to wow guests with little effort and at a lower cost.

Dips are also a great way to encourage guests to eat their veggies, says Brooke Bulloch, owner of Food to Fit, a nutrition consultation firm in Saskatoon.

Then there's the nutrition factor of the dips themselves.

"With homemade dips, we can better control the ingredients," she says. "A lot of dips have full-fat cream cheese or mayonnaise. With homemade, you could lighten up a guacamole by adding yogurt and salsa. You can also make it go farther.

"You could lighten up a spinach dip with light cream cheese and plain yogurt instead of full-fat cream cheese and mayonnaise."

Bulloch, who is also a spokesperson for Dietitians of Canada, is a huge fan of plain two per cent Greek yogurt as a dip base.

"It doesn't have to be zero fat because that's where a lot of the flavour comes," she says. "But it's rich in protein and you actually get some nutrients, B12 and calcium. And because Greek yogurt is so thick, it gives the texture we look for in dips."

For example, she makes a Mexican-style dip by adding cumin, chili powder and a little salt to the yogurt; a Greek-style tzatziki by combining the yogurt with lemon and cucumber; or a spicy dip by adding Sriracha, garlic and chili powder. Bulloch is also partial to bean-based dips.

"We know chick peas and lentils and black beans are loaded with fibre and folate, a little bit of protein. They're super nutritious, low in fat. You can also spice them up and they can make a really thick dip consistency."

They also have the advantage of filling you up so you eat less, she says. People also tend to eat smaller portions of spicy dips.

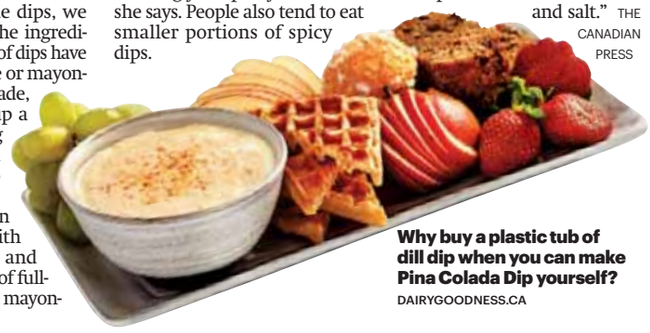
Sometimes we try too hard to healthify everything and to make everything lower calories.

Brooke Bulloch, owner of Food to Fit

Many dip recipes are cheese-based. Generally Bulloch says she prefers a fuller-fat version of cheese because of the flavour factor.

"But if it comes to a dip that I know I'm going to eat quite a bit of it and the main ingredient is cheese, I will always opt for a light cream cheese or ricotta or two per cent cottage cheese."

She also suggests smoked paprika in dips as a substitute for bacon and recommends avoiding the use of dried onion soup mix, which she says is "just loaded with preservatives and fillers and salt." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Beat the blues with yogurt

NUTRITION

Study finds probiotics help with negativity

Theresa Albert
For Metro Canada

Feeling a little moody? Maybe you want to try some yogurt to beat the blues.

New studies have the nutrition world saying "I told you so" as they confirm that gut bacteria contributes to the management of mind and mood. The mechanisms aren't clear yet, but the years of research on animals has been convincing enough to gain the focus of many researchers to start testing the impact of probiotic supplementation on humans.

Both Leiden and Cambridge Universities are in the news for confirming that it appears to hold true that humans experienced decreased sensitivity to depression and negative stimuli when taking probiotics. In the Leiden University study, administering probiotic powder to participants resulted in reducing the occurrence of rumination, a predictive behaviour in depression.

Mental health aside, it is never too early to start improving the health of your gut bacteria, particularly if you have been on antibiotics.

Here are some foods that could help rebalance your gut:

- Fermented yogurt, soy milk or keffir
- Fermented foods like tempeh, kimchi, sauerkraut and miso soup
- Prebiotic foods that help feed the active probiotics: inulin, chicory root (in coffee substitutes), onions, garlic, artichokes, sweet potatoes and bananas.

Maybe your gut feeling is true and it isn't all in your head after all.

Theresa is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer who loves to spread the word on food

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LIQUID ASSETS

Raise a Shiraz for Australian wine

Peter Rockwell
For Metro Canada

While we here in Canada prepare for Old Man Winter, Down Under my winemaker friends are waxing-up their surf boards; having just welcomed the beginning of their summer.

As much as I hate that about them, nothing warms up my cold nights better than a glass of full-bodied Shiraz, the grape that single-handedly turned Australia into a winemaking force to be reckoned with back in the mid-'80s.

Though today they may be more well-known for quaffable versions, there's still plenty of meaty and muscular Shiraz to be found on the shelves at your local liquor store.

The Jacob's Creek 2013 Double Barrel Shiraz (Australia, $16.49–$20.99) pumps up the volume with an innovative take on aging. After resting in a combination of French and American oak for over a year the Barossa juice then sees some time in used Scotch whisky barrels.

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FOOD BRIEF

Beer mile record holder defends title on Ellen

Lewis Kent has another victory to add to his running resume — winner of Ellen's Beer Mile Race.

The 21-year-old from Mississauga, Ont., who broke the beer mile world record last month, beat an Ellen staff member on Tuesday's episode of The Ellen DeGeneres Show.

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Hanson is old enough to drink

MMMHOPS

Boy band brews their own award-winning beer

Brothers take a break from brewing beats to develop their own signature beer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The problem with getting liquored up with the Hanson brothers — yes, the MMMBop boys — is that you can't get that tune out of your head the entire time you're talking to them. Or for days after. Apologies for the ear worm.

The only consolation is that they're no longer boys, which makes the whole affair seem less icky. Because when you say to yourself, "I'm going drinking with Hanson," the mental image is of pounding back a few with the bouncy preteens from those "ba du bop, ba duba dop" music video days. Luckily, like the rest of us, they grew up. And it turns out, they grew into really nice guys who not only are still making music, they also are pleasantly obsessed with craft beer.

So obsessed, in fact, that they've launched their own, a pale ale. That's right. You can now pop open an Mmmhops (tagline: From the Guys That Invented Mmmbop).

Their music careers have chugged along pleasantly since 1997, the year MMMBop was seared into our pop ethos. Careers quiet by industry standards, yet robust enough with a fervent fan core to keep the brothers happy. Meanwhile, 18 years of tours and time on the road mean they've sampled a whole lot of good (and bad) beer. (You can do the math. Isaac, Taylor and Zac Hanson are 34, 32 and 30, respectively, and are pretty shameless about how long they've been sipping suds.)

"We travelled the world as kids and we got turned on to great beer," said Isaac Hanson. "At some point you decide to take something you really like and turn it into a business you love."

A few years ago — around the same time they launched the Hop Jam beer and music festival in Tulsa, Okla. — they started playing around with making their own beer. The brothers found they not only enjoyed the process, but the results weren't so bad, either. So at the end of their 2013 tour, they put off work on a new album to focus on brewing. Eventually, they contracted with Mustang Brewing Company in Oklahoma City to make the operation legit and today Mmmhops — winner of a gold medal from the Beverage Tasting Institute in 2014 — is available in 16 states.

> **We won a gold medal for our beer before we won a Grammy.**
> Taylor Hanson

And though the brothers — now all married and all with multiple children — see their music and beer in a symbiotic relationship, they're not averse to the thrill of one outshining the other.

"Hey! We won a gold medal for our beer before we won a Grammy," said Taylor Hanson. "I'll take that!"

Despite the name the beer isn't overtly hoppy; it's actually a pretty good beer: citrusy, clean tasting and totally drinkable. The brothers see it as an entry point to craft brews, particularly for fans of their music.

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GOSSIP IN BRIEF

George Lucas defends Greedo shooting first

George Lucas is getting his fans going by bring up a contentious topic from the Special Edition versions of the original films released in 1997: Greedo shooting first. In an interview with the Washington Post he tells why he still thinks it was a good idea to digitally alter the original Star Wars so that Han Solo gets shot at before he takes down his nemesis.

"Han Solo was going to marry Leia, and you look back and say, 'Should he be a cold-blooded killer?'" Lucas says. "Because I was thinking mythologically — should he be a cowboy, should he be John Wayne? And I said, 'Yeah, he should be John Wayne.' And when you're John Wayne, you don't shoot people (first) — you let them have the first shot. It's a mythological reality that we hope our society pays attention to."

Harrison Ford has made his feelings on the matter perfectly clear, saying in a 2014 Reddit AMA, "I don't know, and I don't care."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Not just a plot device: the warranted fight

Scott & Bailey: Season 3, Episode 7 (Netflix)

At the end of Episode 6, Manchester police Detective Constable Janet Scott (Lesley Sharp) stumbled upon her cop partner and best friend, Rachel Bailey (Suranne Jones), in her guest bedroom, in flagrante delicto.

This infuriates her: Rachel is married, and Janet's sick of Rachel's compulsion to screw up her life. In Episode 7, they have a humdinger of an argument, in which they both say specific, accurate, hurtful things.

Now, I'm wary of the girlfight trope. Too many shows depict women as inevitable enemies — all factual evidence of lifelong, sustaining female friendships be damned. Scott & Bailey was different. It was centred on the power of women working well together. It resisted the girlfight.

This argument, however, turns out to be earned. It's not so much the two minutes of shouting in Janet's car — it's the rest of the episode, the aftermath, scene after scene of Janet and Rachel feeling frosty, anxious and miserable. They won't meet each other's eyes. They try to appear nonchalant, but they're vibrating with hurt. They keep searching each other for signs of weakness, but when they see them, they double down on punishing each other instead of forgiving.

Scott and Bailey explores the mysteries of female friendship. CONTRIBUTED

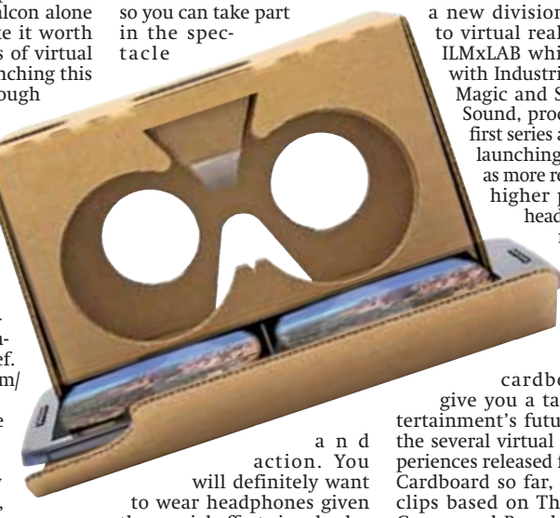
Things aren't resolved neatly either. The tension continues into Episode 8, and it pushes both women to admit uncomfortable things about themselves. Rather than denigrating female friendships, this fight shows how important they are, and how wounding it is when they fail, even temporarily. Friendship is love, after all, and like all love, it comes with pain.

STAR WARS

The Force Awakens with virtual reality app and Google Cardboard

Kris Abel
For Metro Canada

The chance to get up close with the Millennium Falcon alone is enough to make it worth trying out a series of virtual reality movies launching this week for free through the official Star Wars app. For the full effect you'll need a Google Cardboard viewer, an inexpensive box that folds into goggles around your phone, available online through Amazon, Indigo, Unicef.ca, and Google.com/cardboard.



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"No one really knows how audiences are going to experience virtual reality" says Lynwen Brennan, Lucasfilm General Manager, "but I do know that we have the most expansive universe to explore in Star Wars."

Brennan has launched a new division devoted to virtual reality called ILMxLAB which, along with Industrial Light & Magic and Skywalker Sound, produced this first series and will be launching new ones as more realistic and higher priced VR headsets arrive next year.

It may seem crazy that a piece of cardboard can give you a taste of entertainment's future, but of the several virtual reality experiences released for Google Cardboard so far, including clips based on The Hunger Games and Broadway's The Lion King, this Star Wars experience by far has the most convincing magic.

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Leaders of the pack

Last week, the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada revealed the winners in nine best-of categories for 2016. Mercedes-Benz and Volkswagen were the big winners, taking two honours each, while Chevrolet, Honda, Kia, Mazda and Volvo also scored awards. Metro's Mike Goetz and Jil McIntosh were among the more than 70 judges who took part. Here are their takes on a few of the winners. **METRO CANADA**

AJAC winners: A roundup

1 Family Car: Volkswagen Golf Sportwagen 1.8 TSI
Mike Goetz: "A fully modern station wagon equipped to ace all family assignments."

2 Pickup: Chevrolet Silverado
Jil McIntosh: "A new eight-speed automatic mated to the V8 provides even smoother performance."

3 Small Car: Honda Civic Sedan
Mike: "A trim, well-engineered decathlete that excels at everything."

4 Sports/Performance under $50K: Volkswagen Golf R
Jil: "Fast, sharp, and beautifully balanced, the Golf R is the ultimate 'hot hatch.'"

5 SUV/CUV under $35K: Mazda CX-3
Mike: "Tiny perfect crossover."

6 Prestige/Performance: Mercedes-AMG GT S Coupe
Jil: "When I win the lottery, this is the first thing I'm going to buy."

EMISSIONS

French carmakers get top marks in CO2 tests

French manufacturers topped the list of European cars and vans with the lowest carbon emissions, the European Environment Agency said in a report published on Thursday.

French vehicle brands Renault, Peugeot and Citroen — which ranked first, second and third — had an advantage in the study because average emissions data was evaluated without taking into account the number of cylinders in the engine or the fuel.

France sells smaller engines in southern Europe, and the French market is also dominated by diesel engines, which generate less CO2 than petrol.

In 2014, Renault retained its first-place ranking, with 108 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometre (g/km), ahead of Peugeot (110 g/km), which had previously been third behind the Korean Hyundai, and Citroen (111 g/km), which had previously been tied at fourth.

Overall, vehicles sold in Europe in 2014 emitted 2.5 per cent less CO2 than in 2013, a decrease that remained constant compared to previous years. But this figure excludes Volkswagen after the company admitted in early November that its emissions were 18 per cent higher than previously reported. AFP

IN THE LAB

The emissions data were based on tests performed in a laboratory setting using a standard European vehicle test cycle. The results might not reflect real-world driving performance, the report said.

Renault retained its first-place ranking among European car brands. ERIC PIERMONT/AFP

IN BRIEF

Honda Pilot gets a five-star safety rating
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has given Honda's mid-sized SUV its highest overall vehicle score.

The award follows a similar five-star rating from NCAP in the U.S. and an equally important Top Safety Pick+ rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), when the car is specified with optional crash prevention equipment. AFP

Mazda MX-5 scoops Japan car of the year award
The sixth-generation Miata MX-5 roadster has been honored with the Japan Automotive Hall of Fame's (JAHF) top annual accolade.

The JAHF's judges said that the MX-5 won car of the year because of its sophistication and for its fuel efficiency as much as for its handling and driver involvement.

Since its launch in 1989, the convertible has managed to sell 500,000 examples despite being in a very competitive niche. AFP

Creating the sound of a superior ride

DRIVING FORCE

Buick turns to new methods in noise reduction and tuning

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

There are many factors that go into designing and engineering a car, and one of them is the way it sounds inside. The more luxurious a vehicle is, the quieter its cabin is expected to be.

But traditional noise-suppressing materials can be heavy, and any extra weight can reduce fuel efficiency. As automakers strive to trim the fat off their vehicles, many are going to new methods, such as the materials Buick is using in its all-new 2017 LaCrosse.

"In the past, we've tried to block the noise out," says Lesley Weiss, noise and vibration engineer for GM's global midsize cars. "The current system has foam. We call it a barrier system. It's foam with an oil-based back, like a heavy mat."

Instead of lining the inside of the cabin with these heavy materials, Buick uses a variety of lighter-weight systems, each type used depending on where it's placed. The carpets and wheel well liners absorb noise, but the LaCrosse's most interesting method is a pad attached inside the front of the dash. Rather than block noise as traditional barriers do, the mat absorbs it.

The pad, which is made of an engineered cotton material, works the same way as soft materials do in your home. Noise will reverberate in an empty room with hard walls and floor, but adding carpet, drapes and upholstered furniture will make the room quieter as they absorb the sound. "We let the noise into that area of the car and absorb it, versus a heavy layer that blocks it out," Weiss says. "It costs about the same (as a barrier) but weighs less."

The right sound

But getting a vehicle's cabin sound right isn't just about keeping the noise out. The car's switches, dials and levers all make noise when they're activated, but the sound they make is not random. Engineers work on all of them to ensure they're just right, whether it's that the driver knows a switch is engaged without having to look at it, or that the shifter has the right "click" to it.

But while engineers try to shave grams of weight from every component, which adds up over the thousands of parts in a car, it creates new challenges to keep their noise and vibration down. A lightweight button, for example, may make an odd sound. "We'll work with the supplier to determine what is making the noise inside it," Weiss says. "There may be a spring that pushes the button back up and it has some ring, so we can add something for increased damping. (The fix is) specific to every noise, and how you attack it is different. We're concerned about everything that makes noise in the car."

The new Buick LaCrosse uses special materials to reduce cabin noise. COURTESY GENERAL MOTORS

THE SCIENCE

- Many automakers use active noise cancellation, which sends inaudible sound waves from the speakers, even when the stereo is playing, that help cancel out unwanted engine noise.
- Buick engineers have their own standards for noise levels, but they also bring in competitors' cars for comparison.
- Sports cars are much noisier than family vehicles, and that's part of their appeal, but even they are engineered to have the "right" engine, exhaust and cabin sounds.

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Blackhawks right-winger Patrick Kane was named the NHL's first star of November with 23 points in 13 games

Ousted's long-term future unclear

MLS

Robinson keen to keep Caps' goalie for as long as possible

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

The Vancouver Whitecaps picked up the option on David Ousted's contract for next season, but the star goalkeeper's future with the club beyond 2016 remains to be seen.

"He's one that obviously we've spoke to for the last three or four months in relation to trying to keep him here longer," head coach Carl Robinson told reporters Tuesday, when pressed about discussions with Ousted on the possibility of a long-term contract extension.

"We're continuing to talk. So … David will be here next year, anyway." As per the MLS Players Union, the 30-year-old Ousted made $302,570 last season, in which he tied Portland's Adam Kwarasey for the league lead in shutouts with 13, and finished second in wins with 16, only two back of Luis Robles from the New York Red Bulls.

> **I'd like to keep David as long as I'm here.**
> Caps' coach Carl Robinson

It's on the defensive side of the ball where the Whitecaps have been strongest in the two years of Robinson's tenure. Ousted has been a big part of that. He was a finalist for 2015 MLS Goalkeeper of the Year.

"He's a big player, without a doubt. But so is (midfielder) Matias Laba and so is (centre back) Kendall Waston," said Robinson. "I'd like to keep David as long as I'm here. But every young player, every old player dreams of playing in Europe and I totally understand that."

The Whitecaps declined the options on six players, most notably right back Steven Beitashour and central defender Pa-Modou Kah. Robinson said he's still in negotiations with Beitashour, 28, about the possibility of coming back with the Whitecaps, but perhaps at a more cap-friendly cost. Beitashour made $197,166 in 2015. "We'd like to do everything we can to keep him, which is why we're in negotiations," said Robinson. The club also bid farewell to 24-year-old centre back Diego Rodriquez.

Caps' goalie David Ousted DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL CANUCKS HOPING TO TOPPLE KINGS Vancouver Canucks' Radim Vrbata, left, of the Czech Republic, passes the puck under pressure from Los Angeles Kings' Jake Muzzin during the first period on Tuesday in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHL

What a difference a year makes for flourishing, prolific Ronning

The tables have turned for Vancouver Giants forward Ty Ronning.

This time last year, he was out of the Giants' lineup due to a shoulder injury suffered early in pre-season. It was an ominous beginning to what would be a difficult 2014-15 campaign for Ronning.

A year later, he now leads the Giants in goals (13) and points (19) in 26 games.

"Hockey's an up-and-down sport," said Ronning. "I always had the ability to play like I'm playing right now."

His start to the season has been one of the few bright spots for a struggling Vancouver team. The Giants enter Wednesday's game versus Medicine Hat Tigers sporting a 6-16-2-2 record. Ronning's play has also attracted the attention of big-league scouts.

He was absent from NHL Central Scouting's preliminary list of draft-eligible players to watch when it was released in September.

But he was on the most recent list, receiving a "C" rating, which means he's projected to be a potential late-round pick.

> **13**
> **Number of goals Vancouver Giants' leading scorer Ty Ronning has this season.**

Listed at five-foot-nine-inches tall and 165 pounds, his stature might lead some NHL teams to look the other way on Ronning.

Whatever preconceived notions some clubs might have towards smaller players, Ronning need only look to his father, Cliff, to find inspiration from someone who defied the odds by scoring 306 goals and 869 points in 1,137 regular season games in a career that spanned almost 20 years.

"He's always been a really focused kid," said Giants GM Scott Bonner. "He's just focused on becoming an NHL player and that's all he wants to be." CAM TUCKER/METRO

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IN BRIEF

Beck to retire from Lions
Quarterback John Beck has informed the B.C. Lions of his intention to retire, the club announced Tuesday.

Beck spent two seasons with the Lions, mostly in a back-up role, though he did start twice this past year with Travis Lulay injured. However, the 34-year-old Beck was injured on Sept. 18 and didn't play or dress for another game the rest of the season.

CAM TUCKER/METRO

Sixers finally win a game
The Philadelphia 76ers have ended the longest losing streak in the history of major professional sports in the United States, topping the Los Angeles Lakers 103-91 on Tuesday night in Philadelphia, to snap a 28-game skid.

The Sixers had lost their first 18 games this season, matching the record for worst start in NBA history.

They had dropped 28 straight dating to last season, setting the mark.

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Gronkowski week-to-week with right knee injuries
Rob Gronkowski suffered a bone bruise and sprain of his right knee during the New England Patriots' 30-24 overtime loss to the Denver Broncos on Sunday. The tight end will be evaluated on a weekly basis and there is no timetable for his return.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Price is off to Boston

MLB

Jays could feel sting of deal with 19 games vs. Sox in 2016

David Price, middle, reportedly **scored a deal worth $217 million.** RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

During his heady, three-month stint with the Blue Jays, David Price was as popular as any professional athlete in this city.

A hired gun tapped to deliver the promise of October baseball to a long-suffering fan base, he came exactly as advertised and his arrival heralded Toronto's most intoxicating homestretch in two decades.

But all of the good-time memories Price helped create — the scooters, the bathrobes, the first division title in 22 years — will now be tinged with scornful regret after the 30-year-old lefty reportedly signed a seven-year deal with the Boston Red Sox, who made him the highest paid pitcher in baseball history.

First reported by Peter Abraham of the Boston Globe, the deal — not yet announced by the club — is reportedly worth $217 million US, which eclipses Clayton Kershaw's $215-million deal and matches the $31-million annual average value of Miguel Cabrera's $248-million deal.

The Jays were always long shots to retain Price, widely considered the top free agent on the market. The Tennessee native had the lowest earned run average in the American League this season and finished second in Cy Young voting behind the Houston Astros' Dallas Keuchel.

It became clear he was not in the team's plans when early in the off-season they aggressively targeted cheaper, mid-range pieces — re-signing Marco Estrada, trading for Jesse Chavez and signing J.A. Happ — to fill the vacancies in their rotation.

But the fact Price is joining arguably the Jays' most-hated rival — at least among the fan base — adds extra salt to the wounds of jilted fans, who would have preferred he sign with the Cubs, Cardinals or Dodgers, National League teams they wouldn't have to see on a regular basis.

2.30
Price's ERA in 11 regular-season starts with the Blue Jays. He posted a record of 9-1.

The Jays face Boston 19 times next season, including in their home opener on April 8. Price could prove a prickly thorn in the Jays' side.

But while fans were cynical — lamenting Rogers' "penny-pinching" ownership — Jays players were more reflective.

"Even though our time together was limited, you took every opportunity to take me under your wing and teach me your ways," Jays budding ace Marcus Stroman wrote on Instagram. "For that, I am forever thankful." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

SOCCER

National men may return to BC Place

The Canadian Soccer Association is set to make an announcement about the men's national team Thursday in Vancouver.

It's believed the CSA could announce plans for the men's national team to return to BC Place Stadium for an upcoming FIFA World Cup qualifying match against Mexico in March; however, a member of the association could not confirm or deny that.

Now in the fourth round of CONCACAF qualifying, Canada got off to a strong start in Group 1 with a thrilling 1-0 victory over Honduras before more than 20,000 fans at BC Place last month.

Up next for the Canadians are two critical games against Mexico on March 25 and 29. It's possible BC Place, which also hosted the FIFA Women's World Cup final in the summer, could be the host site for one of those upcoming matches.

In fact, Canada's head coach Benito Floro strongly suggested Canada would play Mexico at BC Place in the spring.

"I'm sure we are going to play against Mexico here," he said moments after Canada shut out Honduras, praising the crowd that night at BC Place.

The Canadian side sits second in Group 1 standings, with a win, a draw and four points, two back of Mexico.

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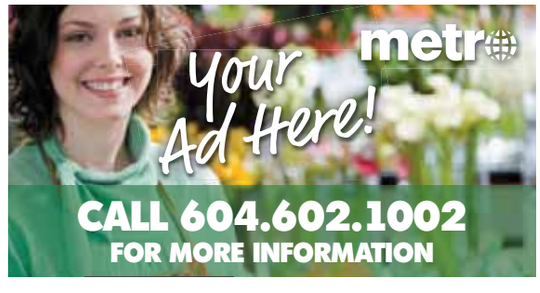

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Switch up your usual pasta dinner with this light and zingy recipe.

Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 500g minced pork
- 2 Tbsps olive oil
- 2 Tbsps chopped spring onions
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 cup sugar snap peas (or any crunchy green vegetable)
- 1/2 cup of chopped mushrooms
- 8 cloves garlic, chopped or crushed
- 2 Tbsps ginger, minced
- 2 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 2 or 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 Tbsp fresh cilantro
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 250g rigatoni pasta

Directions
1. Prepare pasta according to package instructions.
2. Heat olive oil in a wok or deep frying pan. Soften onion for 3 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook for three minutes then add the pork.
3. Once pork is no longer pink, add garlic and ginger and simmer for another 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add sugar snap peas. Combine and then pour stock over pork mixture. There should be enough stock covering the meat and vegetables so that it is soupy. Add chopped spring/green onion and stir until blended.
4. Ladle over the noodles and garnish with cilantro.

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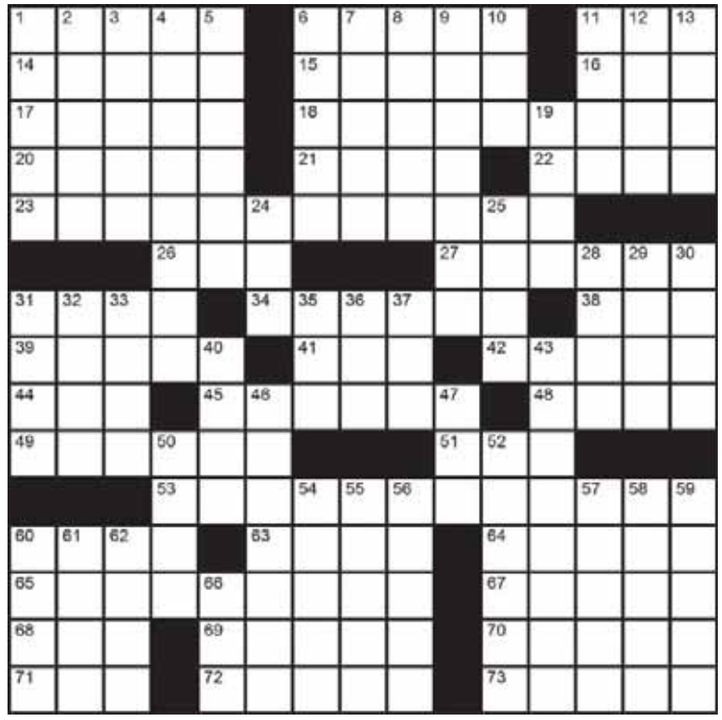

ACROSS
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11. Sneeze starters...
14. Prefix to 'dermabrasion' (Spa service)
15. Revolving mechanism
16. Cacharel perfume
17. Andes people in history
18. Ancient Greek Mythology: Commander in the Trojan†War
20. Draped dresses
21. "_ Fiction" (1994)
22. "_!... I Did It Again" by Britney Spears
23. Song written by Burton Cummings that goes "Maybe I'll be there to shake your hand...": 3 wds.
26. 'Glycer' suffix
27. Donald Sutherland's other actor son
31. Chill
34. Montreal Canadiens legendary goaltender Ken
38. Pressure meas.
39. Tobias _ Jr. (Canadian musician who co-wrote "When We Were Young" with Adele)
41. Mr. Fleming
42. Being beholden
44. Ms. Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
45. Actress, Nicole _
48. Adam & The _
49. Cites
51. 'Delic' suffix
53. Cape Breton Island community mentioned in Canadian folk tune "Song for the Mira": 2 wds.
60. Beach torch
63. Play's beginning, _ _
64. NBC soap, "Days _ _ Lives"
65. Active
67. Hair products brand
68. Justin, to Margaret
69. _ toys
70. Ms. Carter of '80s sitcom "Gimme a Break!", and namesakes
71. Wile E. Coyote's blaster
72. "Steady _ _ goes!"
73. TV wife of Steven Keaton

DOWN
1. Awry
2. Singer Ms. Washington
3. Capital of Ghana
4. Manitoba's locale, with The
5. _ salad
6. _ paper (Light blue boxes purchase)
7. Varlet
8. "Any Time _ _" by The Beatles
9. Liken
10. William Shakespeare's 'earlier'
11. Year, fancy-style
12. Target in basketball
13. Lacking
19. London's hip '60s youths
24. Mr. McGinley
25. Faux pas
28. Twirl
29. Not is
30. Dates' friends in the Produce Dept.
31. Opened slightly
32. Trait carrier
33. Thunderbirds org.
35. Clear
36. Root vegetable
37. Scientific ID
40. Gumbo ingredient
43. "The _ _ _": Gordon Lightfoot song that mentions a Robin and a Nest
46. Belonging to Jerusalem's country
47. Catch
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52. Tom Hanks/Julia Roberts flick, "Larry _" (2011)
54. Rhythmical stress
55. Range in Quebec, _ Mountains
56. Carved out spot
57. Country star Ms. Parton
58. Some birds
59. Record over
60. Check
61. Barge _ _ (Intrude)
62. Superman's surname
66. Student's 4.0, e.g.

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
In ending a feud don't give too much away. If you compromise you must do so from a position of strength. If you give in too easily your rivals may take it as a sign of weakness.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You can't put a foot wrong, but if you are smart you will look ahead. Lady Luck is on your side — make the most of it but don't exhaust yourself.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You don't seem to be short of admirers but don't let it go to your head. Also, watch out it does not affect your health. If you accept each and every social invitation that comes your way you will exhaust yourself before the end of the week.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Don't take what others tell you too seriously. It could be their comments are genuine but it is just as likely they are saying what they think you would like to hear. You don't need flattery — you know how amazing you are.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you're bored with your social scene then do something about it. There's a party going on somewhere, make an effort and you can find it. Failing that, throw a party of your own.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You cannot see the whole picture concerning a money matter. You may be tempted to take the kind of risk you would usually avoid — it is not a good idea.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
With Venus and Mars, the relationship planets, moving through your sign you must let those you care for know how much they mean to you. Do it now because Venus leaves your sign at the weekend.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Others can cut corners but you must continue to play by the rules. Don't worry if your rivals pull ahead because their underhand methods will come back to haunt them.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The planets indicate there is much you can accomplish but it is unlikely you will get far on your own. Put aside your differences and focus on shared aims and ambitions.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Some individuals are so full of their own importance that they think they can do or say anything and get away with it, but you know better. They will pay for their arrogance one day.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Keep your ideas to yourself. If you let slip what you are planning you may lose out in a big way. You may be friendly by nature but in some situations it can be your undoing.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
It may seem as if certain factors are working against but there is no need to panic. The planets are making some situations seem tougher than they really are, so hang on in there — your luck will change soon.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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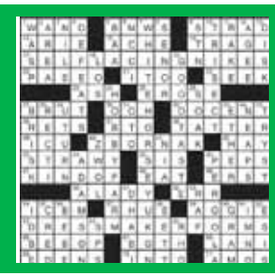

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